Grants for maintenance of National Highways

3703. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the non-plan grants for maintenance and repairs of the National Highways during each of the last five years, State-wise;

(b) the amount utilized so far, State-wise;

(c) whether maintenance and repair grants are proportionate to the length of the National Highways in the States; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) The details are given in the Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) Maintenance and repair grants for'Ordinary Repairs'and 'Periodical Repairs' are proportionate to the length of the National Highways in the States. A small percentage is, however, kept in reserve for meeting emergent repairs due to rains, floods etc.

Bridges/roads in Orissa under CRF

3704. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain proposals from the State Government of Orissa for construction of bridges and improvement of roads under the Central Road Fund are pending with the Central Government for clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their estimated cost; and

(c) by when the grant for the above proposals are likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Proposals up to the permissible limit have been approved and the remaining proposals were returned to the State Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.